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to the larger work, *The Bible in Verse*

This book is not meant, in any way, to take the place of the Bible. It is meant, rather, to be a pleasant source of information for the Bible reader. By reading this book, one should get a general outline of the Bible, and should also be able to find a quick reference to the main Bible stories and characters. It is the author's hope that the reader will find this book, interesting, factual, inspiring, and a pleasant companion for those moments of quiet spiritual meditation.

The author is a blind veteran of World War II, now studying for the ministry. In preparing this book, he studied the Bible on records, Talking Books for the Blind. The book is written from the King James Version of the Bible. The author read each chapter repeatedly before writing the corresponding stanza of poetry. It is firmly intended that the contents of any stanza in this book may be found in the corresponding chapter in the Bible. It follows no certain doctrinal line, but merely presents an outline of the Scriptures.

May it prove a blessing to you.

—A. E. F.

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ST. MATTHEW

Chapter 1

Book of the lineage of Jesus the Christ,
Reaching from Abraham through Joseph's wife,
Mary, the virgin, brings forth her first son;
Jesus, they name Him; salvation's begun.

Chapter 2

Wise men come seeking, with gifts in their hand.
Joseph and Mary are sent from the land.
Herod, in rage, has the children all killed.
Joseph returns, and the Word is fulfilled.

Chapter 3

John, the baptizer, now comes into sight,
Preaching repentance, to make the heart right.
Jesus comes forth, is submerged in the stream;
Heavens are opened; the Spirit is seen.

Chapter 4

Jesus is tempted with hunger and thirst.
Satan appears, and delivers his worst.
Jesus starts preaching, and healing the sick,
Also begins His disciples to pick.

Chapter 5

Gives the beatitudes, precious and sweet.
Points out the qualities of the elite.
Here a new teaching is surely begun;
Plotting is sin, though the act is not done.

Chapter 6

Warns not to give to be noticed of men;
Alms done in secret are rendered again.
Teaches the right way to offer up prayer.
Tells His believers to live without care.

Chapter 7

Judging is risky, and should be suppressed.
Ask, says the Master, and you shall be blessed.
Trees are all known by the fruit which they wear.
Wise people listen, but foolish forbear.

Chapter 8

Leper is cleansed, and the servant is healed.
Fever rebuked, and the wind is repealed.
Two from the tombs are from devils, set free.
Swine are possessed, and destroyed in the sea.

Chapter 9

Palsied is healed and forgiveness is said.
Daughter of ruler is raised from the dead.
Woman with issue of blood is set free.
Blind men are touched and permitted to see.

Chapter 10

Twelve are sent out, with instructions and might,
Told to deliver, whatever the plight,
Warned to beware of unscrupulous men.
He who gives out will receive it again.

St. Matthew

Chapter 11

John sends disciples to ask of the Lord.
Jesus points out all the blessings outpoured.
John is set forth as Elias of old.
Jesus invites people into the fold.

Chapter 12

Withered is healed; the Sabbath is crossed;
Pharisees howl; accusations are tossed.
Blasphemy's set as a sin unto death.
Jesus refuses the heckler's request.

Chapter 13

Parables, seven, does Jesus expound:
Tells how the sower spreads seed on the ground;
Mustard, and leaven, and merchant, and tares.
Scribes that are wise will deliver these wares.

Chapter 14

Herod beheads John the Baptist for spite.
Jesus and Peter walk waves in the night.
Women and children, and five thousand men,
Dine upon what was one lunch to begin.

Chapter 15

Pharisees say the disciples are vile.
That which comes out of the mouth may defile.
Woman accepts a position most base.
Four thousand fed in a mountainous place.

Chapter 16

Pharisees, Sadducees seek for a sign;
Jonas, says Jesus, will serve very fine.
Peter's confession is lofty, then low.
What will a merchant exchange for his soul?

Chapter 17

Jesus transfigured, with three on the mount.
Back in the valley, a devil cast out.
Followers cautioned, to fast and to pray.
Peter goes fishing, his tribute to pay.

Chapter 18

He that is greatest must be as a child.
Woe to offenders, for they are defiled.
One is more precious than ninety and nine.
Parable told of exorbitant fine.

Chapter 19

Laws of divorce and remarriage explained;
Marriage is sacred and must be maintained.
Suffers the children to come and be blessed.
Rich young inquirer is put to the test.

Chapter 20

Parable told of the penny a day.
Followers told what must come by the way.
Mother of Zebedee's sons wants a grant.
Blind men give forth with an ear-catching chant.

St. Matthew

Chapter 21

Rides on an ass-colt, and curses the tree.
Merchants are forced from the temple to flee.
Parable told of the vineyard and sons;
Pharisees know they're the reprobate ones.

Chapter 22

Parable told of the wedding and guests.
Sadducees ask of the life after death.
Pharisees question the tax of the land.
Lawyer would know of the greatest command.

Chapter 23

Listen to teachers, and do as they say.
Call no man Father; in this earthly way.
Woe unto Pharisees, Scribes, and their kind;
They are false teachers, both foolish and blind.

Chapter 24

Men, at the last, shall be wicked, depraved.
He that endures to the end shall be saved.
Great tribulation is spread on the earth;
Then comes the Son, in His splendor and worth.

Chapter 25

Ten virgins wait for the bridegroom to come.
Talents distributed: five, two, and one.
Jesus will judge when the heavens are cleft;
Sheep on His right, and the goats on His left.

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Chapter 26

Woman anoints the Lord's head as He dines.
Jesus eats passover one final time.
Kiss of betrayal, does Judas bestow.
Peter denies Him, is brought very low.

Chapter 27

Judas, the traitor, snuffs out his own life.
Pilate gives sentence, in spite of his wife.
Jesus is crucified, flanked by two thieves.
Joseph, the body of Jesus, receives.

Chapter 28

Angel descends and the stone is removed.
Soldiers are bribed, lest His rising be proved.
Jesus rejoins His small group on the mount,
Sends them to preach, to baptize and recount.

ST. MARK

Chapter 1

John comes, preparing the way of the Lord,
Preaching repentance, to bring in accord.
Christ is baptized, and the Spirit descends.
Devils are cast, and the leper is cleansed.

Chapter 2

Palsied is brought, and the roof is destroyed;
Sin is forgiven; the Scribes are annoyed.
Jesus' disciples pick corn, and offend.
Sabbath was made for the welfare of men.

St. Mark

Chapter 3

Withered is healed, and the rulers inflamed.
Now the disciples are chosen and named.
He who blasphemes the sweet Spirit of God,
Has no forgiveness, but suffers the rod.

Chapter 4

Parable told of the sower who sows:
Some seed is wasted, but some of it grows.
Those in the boats are afraid they will drown;
Jesus speaks peace, and the wind settles down.

Chapter 5

Legion of devils are ordered to flee;
Two thousand swine are destroyed in the sea.
Woman is healed of affliction so dread.
Jairus' daughter is raised from the dead.

Chapter 6

Twelve are sent out, two by two, through the land.
John is beheaded at Herod's command.
Five thousand fed on loaves five, fishes two.
Jesus walks forth on the billowing blue.

Chapter 7

That which goes into a man can't defile;
That which comes forth from the heart may be vile.
Devil is cast from the child of a Greek.
Deaf and dumb man, made to hear and to speak.

Chapter 8

Four thousand come and, on seven loaves, dine.
Pharisees come, and seek after a sign.
Blind at Bethsaida is fully sufficed.
Peter confesses that Jesus is Christ.

Chapter 9

Jesus transfigured in presence of three.
Obstinate devil is ordered to flee.
He who would garner first place must be last.
Better to suffer than be in Hell cast.

Chapter 10

Marriage is sanctioned of God, and is right.
Riches bind men in a desperate plight.
Brother disciples would sit in the light.
Blind Bartimaeus is given his sight.

Chapter 11

Colt highly honored, but tree is destroyed.
Temple is cleansed, but the Scribes are annoyed.
Ask what you will, but believe when you pray,
Also forgive, lest sin stand in the way.

Chapter 12

Parable told of the vineyard for rent.
Pharisees tempt Him; He asks for a cent.
Sadducees given some future-times light.
Widow is praised for her sacrificed mite.

St. Luke

Chapter 13

Great tribulation is coming on earth:
Earthquake and bloodshed and famine and dearth.
Many false christs shall rise up to deceive;
Watch, therefore, brethren, that you may receive.

Chapter 14

Christ, in Gethsemane, labors in prayer;
Peter is sleepy, and fails Him there.
Judas betrays Him; His followers go.
Peter denies Him, then hears the cock crow.

Chapter 15

Pilate gives sentence, and Jesus is led,
Robed in bright purple, with thorns on His head.
Jesus is crucified, King of the Jews,
Placed in a tomb which is ready to use.

Chapter 16

Women come early to find the stone gone.
Angel is there to instruct them along.
Jesus is risen, presented alive.
Group's recommissioned to preach and baptize.

ST. LUKE

Chapter 1

Old Zacharias is promised a son;
Through unbelief, he is left smitten dumb.
Mary is chosen to mother the Lord.
John is delivered, the Spirit outpoured.

Chapter 2

Mary, at Bethlehem, brings forth a Son,
Lays in a manger; redemption's begun.
Jesus conceived by the blest Holy Ghost.
Shepherds are told by the Heavenly Host.

Chapter 3

John comes to Jordan, his work to begin,
Preaching repentance, baptizing for sin.
Jesus comes forth and, of John, is baptized.
Then genealogy, Adam to Christ.

Chapter 4

Jesus is hungry, is tempted and spurred,
Overcomes Satan, by quoting the Word.
Rudely rejected by those of His town,
Healing with power, He gathers renown.

Chapter 5

Great draught of fishes; the leper is healed.
Palsied is lifted, forgiveness revealed.
Jesus is pleased with the sinner to dine.
Parable told of the garment and wine.

Chapter 6

Withered is healed, and the Master is blamed.
Twelve, called apostles, are chosen and named.
Blessed are you who are poor in this life.
Live without hope; the reward will suffice.

Chapter 7

Servant of soldier is freed from his bed.
Young man at Nain is raised from the dead.
John sends to Jesus to lessen his fears.
Woman suffuses His feet with her tears.

Chapter 8

Parable told, of the sower of seed.
Man, of a legion of devils, is freed.
Woman is healed, who for twelve years had bled.
Twelve-year-old maiden is raised from the dead.

Chapter 9

Twelve go to preach in this first little bunch.
Five thousand feed on an infinite lunch.
Jesus is changed, is in glistening white.
Troublesome devil is forced to take flight.

Chapter 10

Seventy more are sent forth, two by two,
Being instructed of Christ what to do.
Lawyer brings questions, is arrogant, bold.
Story of friendly Samaritan told.

Chapter 11

Jesus instructs His disciples in prayer;
Importune strongly; the answer is there.
Spirit, cast out, wanders lonely and cold,
Gets seven more, and returns to the fold.

Chapter 12

Jesus expounds on the way we should live;
Fear the Creator; be ready to give;
Riches and blasphemy, flowers and cares;
Watch for the master who comes unawares.

Chapter 13

Parable told of the profitless tree.
Woman of binding affliction set free.
Door being shut, it's forever too late.
Jesus is moved by Jerusalem's fate.

Chapter 14

Dropsy is healed at a Pharisee's place.
Start at the top, finish up in disgrace.
Supper is ready, but men spurn the call.
Price of discipleship: absolute all!

Chapter 15

Parable told of the ninety and nine.
Silver is sought till the owner does find.
Prodigal son goes away and returns;
Father is thankful, but elder son burns.

Chapter 16

Profitless steward commended by Lord.
Sin of adultery strongly deplored.
Beggar and rich man displayed where they dwell;
Beggar in Paradise; rich man in Hell.

Chapter 17

Woe to the man who, so rudely, offends.
Only one grateful, of ten lepers cleansed.
Kingdom of God is deep down in your heart.
Ever be ready, and free to depart.

Chapter 18

Parables told of the judge and his way;
Pharisee, Publican, standing to pray.
Rich men are caught in a desperate plight.
Blind man by wayside is given his sight.

Chapter 19

Little Zacchaeus with vigor abounds.
Parable told of the servants and pounds.
Jesus rides up, o'er Jerusalem grieves,
Cleanses the temple, ejecting the thieves.

Chapter 20

Jesus is quick with a stunning reply.
Parable told of the husbandmen sly.
Give Caesar Caesar's, and give God His own.
In the hereafter there's no wedding known.

Chapter 21

Widow's two mites have a value supreme.
Future unfolds like a horrible dream.
Parable told of the trees turning green.
Watch and be ready; be prayed-up and clean.

Chapter 22

Tragedy now enters in like a flood.
Jesus perspires, as it were, drops of blood.
Judas betrays his dear Lord for a price.
Peter, the weakling, denies Jesus thrice.

Chapter 23

Pilate and Herod are this day agreed.
Jesus is crucified; sinner is freed.
Earth is in darkness; the veil is torn.
Body of Jesus, to sepulchre borne.

Chapter 24

Women come early, but Jesus is gone.
Jesus appears as two travel along.
Back in Jerusalem, Jesus eats meat.
Jesus ascends, but their joy is complete.

ST. JOHN

Chapter 1

In the beginning, the Word is with God.
Word becomes flesh, to traverse on this sod.
John bears the record that Jesus is Christ.
This is the Lamb, at which freedom is priced.

Chapter 2

Jesus is bidden to marriage, to dine;
Simple old water is turned into wine.
Then, in Jerusalem, Jesus takes cords,
Cleanses the house that is known as the Lord's.

Chapter 3

Ruler of Jews comes to Jesus by night;
Jesus rewards him with message of light.
You, says the Master, must be born again.
This is a manifold mystery to men.

Chapter 4

Woman to well in Samaria comes;
Jesus expounds on the things she has done.
Jesus says He is the Christ of the Lord.
Nobleman's son by a word is restored.

Chapter 5

Jesus at pool of Bethesda appears,
Heals an affliction of thirty-eight years,
Violates Sabbath, enrages the Jews,
Warns the delivered, great caution, to use.

Chapter 6

Five thousand feed on a little lad's fish.
Sea is submissive to Jesus' slight wish.
Jesus says He is the true bread of life;
This causes much consternation and strife.

Chapter 7

Jesus goes up to the feast of the Jews,
Startles the throng with His scholarly views.
Crowd is divided, debating His worth,
Straining at points like the place of His birth.

Chapter 8

Woman in sin of adultery found;
Jesus stoops down and inscribes on the ground.
Jesus says He is the light of the world.
Pharisees rage; accusations are hurled.

Chapter 9

Jesus finds one who was blind from his birth,
Touches his eyes with an ointment of earth,
Sends him to wash in the pool of Siloam;
Blind man is healed, and the Pharisees foam.

Chapter 10

Jesus says He is the door of the sheep.
Anyone else is a robber or thief.
Hirelings will flee when the wolf ventures near.
Shepherds will die for the flock they hold dear.

Chapter 11

Lazarus dies and is placed in the grave.
Sisters send word to the One who can save.
Jesus is touched as their grief is outpoured,
Gives the command, and the dead is restored.

Chapter 12

Lazarus sits with the Master at meat.
Mary takes spikenard and washes His feet.
Jesus cries out to the Father above;
Answer is quick, with a message of love.

Chapter 13

Jesus sits down with disciples to eat;
Then He takes water and washes their feet,
Points out the traitor by giving a sop.
Peter starts boasting, is brought to a stop.

Chapter 14

Let not your hearts be unsettled and scared;
Many bright mansions are being prepared.
In the hereafter the saints will be there.
Comforter promised in answer to prayer.

Chapter 15

Christ is the vine, but the branches are men.
God is the keeper, to save or to end.
Purged are the good branches, burned are the bad.
Dwell in the vine, and your wish may be had.

Chapter 16

Jesus gives facts that will soon be fulfilled;
Saints will be hated, and smitten, and killed.
It is expedient Jesus should go;
Then He, the Spirit of truth, will bestow.

Chapter 17

Christ importunes to the Father in prayer;
Choosing His followers' burdens to bear,
Pleads for the future of those He did teach,
Also the ones His disciples will reach.

Chapter 18

Judas brings men to imprison the Lord;
Peter then amputates ear with a sword.
Jesus is taken the high priest to face.
Peter, when challenged, denies in disgrace.

Chapter 19

Pilate, though troubled, gives sentence of death.
Pardon is purchased with Jesus' last breath.
Jesus is crucified, payment for sin.
Soldiers cast lots His apparel to win.

Chapter 20

Mary seeks Peter to tell what is done.
Peter, by other, is greatly outrun.
Jesus is risen to Mary's delight.
Thomas, the doubter, persuaded on sight.

Chapter 21

Seven disciples go forth to catch fish.
Jesus appears, and prepares a fine dish.
Jesus invites His disciples to eat.
Peter is grieved when he's asked to repeat.

THE ACTS

Chapter 1

Jesus ascends in the presence of men.
Angels declare He is coming again.
Judas is dead; the disciples cast lot,
Vote for Matthias to fill the twelfth spot.

The Acts

Chapter 2

Holy Ghost fills the select of the Lord,
Speaking with tongues as new things are outpoured.
Peter, the weakling, now stands as a rock,
Three thousand souls are brought into the flock.

Chapter 3

Peter and John, at the beautiful gate,
Loosen the lame from his terrible fate.
Multitudes wonder and gather about.
Christ is the healer as Peter points out.

Chapter 4

High priest and leaders are jealous and mad.
Preaching in Jesus' name henceforth forbade.
Peter responds that he'll preach full and frank.
Followers, jubilant, sing and give thanks.

Chapter 5

Man and his wife dare to tempt God, and lie.
Peter rebukes them; they fall down and die.
Wonders are done; the apostles are beat;
Counting it honor, they preach and repeat.

Chapter 6

Seven are chosen to portion out bread.
Stephen, the wise, is appointed as head.
Stephen does miracles, wonders, and signs.
Facing the council his countenance shines.

Chapter 7

Stephen, anointed, shows Israel's fate,
Hist'ry of evil, rebellion, and hate.
Hearers, convicted, are cut to their hearts.
Stephen kneels down, offers prayer, and departs.

Chapter 8

Simon presumes the Lord's gift can be bought.
Peter rebukes him and leaves him distraught.
Eunuch begs Philip to show him some light.
Eunuch baptized; Philip taken on flight.

Chapter 9

Saul is struck down by a heavenly light,
Called to the clergy while minus his sight.
Peter at Lydda frees one from his bed.
Dorcas at Joppa is raised from the dead.

Chapter 10

Peter sees vision of meats clean and foul,
Told to partake without whimper or howl:
Sent to Cornelius, who waits him with prayer.
Sees the outpouring on Gentiles there.

Chapter 11

Peter is called by the church to explain,
Tells of the wonders, and they feel the same.
Great persecution and dearth in the land.
Off'ring is taken and sent at Saul's hand.

The Acts

Chapter 12

Herod kills James and binds Peter in jail.
Angel appears and the prison doors fail.
Herod's oration is welcomed with cries.
Herod is eaten of worms, and he dies.

Chapter 13

Elymas dares to withstand and make light;
Saul, now called Paul, boldly blots out his sight.
Antioch Jews show rebellion and strife.
Gentiles welcome redemption and life.

Chapter 14

Folk at Iconium, bitter and sweet.
Lame man, at Lystra, is stood on his feet.
People stone Paul, till they think he is dead.
Later, he rises and forges ahead.

Chapter 15

Council convenes at Jerusalem now,
Votes to abolish the law's heavy vow,
Brands fornication and idols as sin.
Barnabas balks, so young Silas comes in.

Chapter 16

Lydia's called, as is Timothy lad.
Damsel is loosed from that spirit so bad.
Silas and Paul, being beat, are enslaved,
Singing, are delivered; the jailor is saved.

Chapter 17

Thessalonica is scornful and jeers.
Then to Berea that willingly hears.
Then off to Athens to preach on Mar's hill.
Paul speaks with eloquence, reason, and skill.

Chapter 18

Paul, with Aquilla at Corinth, makes tents,
Preaches with fervor, is made an offense.
Then comes Apollos, who's mighty in word,
Publicly proving that Jesus is Lord.

Chapter 19

Miracles, special, are wrought at Paul's hand.
Demons just scoff at a sinner's command.
Silversmiths groan when their profits are trimmed
Ephesus roars when her goddess is dimmed.

Chapter 20

Eutychus falls from the loft to his death;
Paul comes, embraces, restoring his breath.
Paul then departs, says they'll see him no more.
Farewells are spoken; the weeping is sore.

Chapter 21

Paul, at Jerusalem, bound with a vow,
Moves most discreetly to head off a row.
Multitudes gather and throng him about.
Captain brings soldiers and rescues him out.

The Acts

Chapter 22

Paul, on the stairs, makes an eloquent plea.
Multitude shrieks that he ought not to be.
Soldiers would scourge him and worsen his plight.
Paul uses wisdom and stands on his right.

Chapter 23

Paul once more faces the council of Jews.
Schemers try subterfuge, hopelessly lose.
Paul's little nephew gets word of their trick.
Paul is sent out of Jerusalem—quick.

Chapter 24

Felix, the governor, hears Paul's defense.
Paul, like a statesman, employs common sense.
Felix is torn with conviction and fears.
Paul is detained for another two years.

Chapter 25

High priest and Jews yet contend for Paul's scalp.
Paul then appeals to Augustus for help.
Festus brings Paul for Agrippa to hear.
Paul brings his case to the king without fear.

Chapter 26

Paul, to Agrippa and Festus and all,
Tells in detail of his Heavenly call,
Earnestly pleads with the king to receive.
Almost, Agrippa is led to believe.

Chapter 27

Paul is at last on a vessel at sea,
Points out the grief and the loss there will be.
Paul is ignored, but at terrible cost;
Men are all saved, but the vessel is lost.

Chapter 28

Folk on the island are friendly and kind.
Paul brings them healing, then leaves them behind.
Paul comes at last, as a pris'ner, to Rome;
Dwells two full years in his own rented home.

ROMANS

Chapter 1

Paul the apostle sends blessing and grace.
All that are just shall abide in the faith.
Men sought for wickedness rather than light;
God, therefore, cast them, rejected, from sight.

Chapter 2

Judgments of God are according to truth.
God has no favorites, looks for good proof.
Doers are justified, hearers ignored.
Plain circumcision is vain and deplored.

Chapter 3

Jews have advantage of bringing the Word.
Justification by faith is assured.
There is no righteous man, not even one.
All men have sinned, falling short of God's Son.

Romans

Chapter 4

Abraham's faith brought him glory and fame.
While yet uncircumcised, called by his name.
Abraham staggered, not once, at the Word,
Freely accepted the things he had heard.

Chapter 5

Being now justified freely by faith,
We have God's peace and the key to His grace.
Death came through Adam, who sinned in the fall.
Life comes through Jesus, who suffered for all.

Chapter 6

Shall we then sin, that His grace may abound!
He that is dead is interred in the ground.
We, being dead, get our light from His face.
We are not under the law but His grace.

Chapter 7

Woman to husband is bound while he lives;
At his decease her full freedom he gives.
Our old man died when we took the new birth;
Now we are married to Christ and His worth.

Chapter 8

There is now no condemnation in Christ;
Law of the Spirit has fully sufficed.
We, being led by the Spirit, are sons.
Spirit will finish the work He's begun.

Chapter 9

Is there unrighteousness present with God?
He may have mercy; He may use the rod.
Dare the thing molded retort and complain?
God may give honor; He may render shame.

Chapter 10

Hebrews, though zealous, are wandering still,
Straining toward God, but rejecting His will.
How can men trust when they never have heard?
Faith comes by hearing, and hearing, the Word.

Chapter 11

God has not severed His choice, His elect.
Those who will serve He will surely protect.
Some were cut off with the Father's consent.
Of His good gifts, God will never repent.

Chapter 12

Offer your body, a sacrifice clean,
Doing good service, but not to be seen;
Choosing no man for the things that he hath;
Seek not revenge, but give place unto wrath.

Chapter 13

Powers that be are ordained of the Lord.
Be in subjection or suffer the sword.
All of the law is fulfilled in pure love.
Overcome sin and the lusting thereof.

I Corinthians

Chapter 14

He that is weak should be freely received.
Cause no offense that the brother be grieved,
Nothing to stop him from entering in.
Anything lacking of faith is of sin.

Chapter 15

We that are strong ought to bolster the weak.
Jesus came not His own pleasure to seek.
Paul was ordained that the Gentiles be reached,
Taking the Word where it hadn't been preached.

Chapter 16

Phoebe, Priscilla, Aquilla, acclaimed.
Other good saints are saluted and named.
Shun them that gender division and strife.
Be very simple, but wise unto life.

I CORINTHIANS

Chapter 1

Paul writes to Corinth to teach and exhort,
Being upset by their evil report;
Preaching the cross as the power of God,
Giving their spiritual thinking a prod.

Chapter 2

Eye has not seen, and the ear has not heard;
We've, by the Spirit, been fully assured.
Holy Ghost helps us the deep things to scan;
Not as the weak worldly wisdom of man.

Chapter 3

Paul, the foundation, has properly laid.
Builders, if faithful, will richly be paid.
We, our own selves, are the temples of God.
Unholy temples must suffer the rod.

Chapter 4

Seek not to judge, but leave that to the Lord;
He will reveal and will rightly reward.
Be not puffed up and by honor deceived.
All that we have, we have freely received.

Chapter 5

Foul fornication had flourished with fame;
Purge the partakers, says Paul, in Christ's name.
Flee from the brother whose sin is well known;
Eat not his food, nor abide in his home.

Chapter 6

Brother is taking the brother to law;
This is an obvious spiritual flaw.
Rather take wrong, and let others defraud.
Sin cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Chapter 7

Man had far better a woman not touch.
Husband, or wife, is a burden, as such.
She, from the Lord, his attention will turn.
Yet, it is better to marry than burn.

I Corinthians

Chapter 8

Idols are nothing, and likewise their meat;
Yet it is better, perhaps, not to eat.
If, through his eating, his brother should fall,
Paul in this life will eat no flesh at all.

Chapter 9

Paul has a ministry lesson to teach:
Preachers should live of the gospel they preach,
Serving all people to win more and more,
Striving to garner the prizes in store.

Chapter 10

Israel suffered a terrible shock;
These are examples, that we may take stock.
Let us press on and do all things with care.
God will protect us, and help us to bear.

Chapter 11

Man and the Father and Jesus are heads;
Woman is subject but not that she dreads.
In the communion remembrance is made;
Search your own heart lest damnation be laid.

Chapter 12

Spiritual gifts are expounded by course.
Manifestations may differ in force.
All of the parts of the body are one,
Working together to get the job done.

Chapter 13

One without charity surely is blind.
Charity suffereth long, and is kind.
Faith, hope, and charity join in the race;
Charity garners the excellent place.

Chapter 14

Here we are told how we best should be heard.
Tongues are permissible; plain talk, preferred.
Tongues are a sign and, as such, have a place.
Prophecy carries the message of grace.

Chapter 15

Jesus has risen, and so shall all men,
Raised by the Lord, at His coming again,
Having a body divinely arranged.
Not all shall sleep, but we all shall be changed.

Chapter 16

Gather your offerings weekly, by course.
Do all with charity, nothing by force.
Watch and be steadfast; be manly and strong.
Let unbelievers be dropped from the throng.

II CORINTHIANS

Chapter 1

Paul writes to Corinth and all of the saints,
Says he has suffered, but has no complaints.
Gospel of Christ is not Yea mixed with Nay;
Every good promise of Jesus is Yea.

II Corinthians

Chapter 2

Paul instructs members to freely forgive,
Helping the wayward to settle and live.
We are, to God, a sweet savor of Christ.
For all requirements, Jesus sufficed.

Chapter 3

We are epistles, and read of all men,
Written in flesh with a spiritual pen.
Moses must cover the glow on his face;
We have a brighter glow, living in grace.

Chapter 4

Yet, if our glorious gospel be hid,
Satan is blinding the ones who are bid.
We have this treasure in vessels of clay.
We are renewed in the heart, day by day.

Chapter 5

We have a building of God in the skies,
Waiting the Christian the moment he dies.
All must appear at the great judgment seat.
Dwellers in Christ are new creatures, complete.

Chapter 6

Now is the proper time; now is the way.
Walk circumspectly, whatever men say.
Real discipleship carries a cost.
Be not unequally yoked to the lost.

Chapter 7

Paul pleads his cause while expounding his views,
Thankful that Titus has brought welcome news,
Praises Corinthians, quick to repent,
Glad they received the instructions he sent.

Chapter 8

In Macedonia, people gave well;
Thus the Corinthians ought so to dwell.
Jesus was rich but, for our sakes, was poor.
Give, not vain wishing, but what is in store.

Chapter 9

If we sow sparingly, so shall we reap;
If with abundance, we'll have much to keep.
Let a man purpose; then let him draw near.
God loves the giver who does it with cheer.

Chapter 10

Paul in defense claims his right to exhort,
Giving in witness his honest report,
Says that his presence will also be strong.
God will place honor where it shall belong.

Chapter 11

Paul claims his right of apostleship here,
Warns that false prophets, as righteous, appear,
Tells of his hardships on land and on sea,
How through a window he managed to flee.

Galatians

Chapter 12

Paul knew a man who was caught up one day,
Heard many things which he never must say.
Then came a thorn, that he ever stay low.
God's strength is perfect in weakness and woe.

Chapter 13

Paul will return, and will surely not spare.
Judge your own selves, and lay everything bare.
Christ was made weak but in God became strong;
So then are we, as we travel along.

GALATIANS

Chapter 1

To the Galatians, Paul sends his reproof,
Tells them to cling to the gospel of truth.
He had delivered a gospel not priced,
Taught not of men but the Lord Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2

Paul to the church at Jerusalem went;
There was received with the leader's consent.
Peter, by Paul, was withstood to the face.
Justification's a product of grace.

Chapter 3

Abraham anchored securely his trust.
Faith is the diet prescribed for the just.
Scriptures concluded us all under sin.
All through the promise of Christ may come in.

Chapter 4

God, when the fullness of time was now come,
Under the law sent His very own Son;
Sent to redeem, and all burdens to bear.
Now being sons we with Jesus fall heir.

Chapter 5

Trust in the law, and be fallen from grace.
We wait for righteousness, hoping in faith.
Works of the flesh are repulsive and mean.
Fruit of the Spirit is wholesome and clean.

Chapter 6

Let us do good when the chance is set forth,
Bearing our burdens, and proving our worth
Be not deceived, for our God is not mocked;
As a man soweth, his life shall be stocked.

EPHESIANS

Chapter 1

Paul writes to Ephesus, wishing them grace,
Fashioning predestination in place.
All men in Christ are predestined to live,
Sealed with the Spirit He promised to give.

Chapter 2

We have been raised to a heavenly place,
Not of ourselves but the working of grace.
We are His workmanship, good to behold,
No longer strangers but sheep of the fold.

Philippians

Chapter 3

Through revelation the mystery was shown.
God receives Gentiles now with His own.
They may partake of the promise of Christ.
Paul called to carry the message of life.

Chapter 4

There is one body, one Spirit, one call,
Many positions, but Christ over all.
Paul pleads for unity, bonding in peace,
Working together, that Christ may increase.

Chapter 5

Shun foolish talking and deeds of the night.
Rather, give thanks as the children of light.
Walk circumspectly, redeeming the time,
Filled with the Spirit, but never with wine.

Chapter 6

Children, be subject; you fathers, be fair.
Servants, give service; you masters, take care.
Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord,
Wearing His armor, and bearing His sword.

PHILIPPIANS

Chapter 1

Paul writes to Philippi, wishing them peace.
He that began the good work will not cease.
Some preach of envy, and some of good will;
Christ, notwithstanding, is ministered still.

Chapter 2

If consolation be present in Christ,
Walk in accord, doing nothing through strife.
Christ's reputation He counted not dear.
Work out salvation with trembling and fear.

Chapter 3

Finally, brethren, be strong in the Lord.
Trusting in flesh, one can scarcely afford.
Press toward the mark of the calling in God.
Walk in the path the disciples have trod.

Chapter 4

Show moderation, and live without care,
Freely give thanks, and continue in prayer.
God's peace is perfect, though not understood.
Think upon things that are wholesome and good.

COLOSSIANS

Chapter 1

Paul, to Colosse, sends blessing and peace,
Prays that their fruitfulness never shall cease.
Church is the body, and Christ is the head,
Image of God, and the first from the dead.

Chapter 2

As you have started, continue in Christ.
In Him the fullness of God is sufficed.
Buried in baptism, risen in grace,
Head feeds the body, and keeps it in place.

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 3

If you be risen, seek things from above.
Crucify self, doing all things in love.
Peaceful, and thankful, and filled with the Word,
Work with your might; the reward is assured.

Chapter 4

Watch and be thankful; continue to pray,
Wisely approaching those not in the way.
Let all your speech be well seasoned with salt,
Having an answer, the Lord, to exalt.

I THESSALONIANS

Chapter 1

Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, too,
Give Thessalonians praise that is due.
They've been examples to those round about.
Through them the Word is with power sent out.

Chapter 2

Paul had presented the gospel of life,
Preaching with fervor in struggle and strife,
Not being burdensome, selfish, nor mean,
Living a gospel both wholesome and clean.

Chapter 3

Paul tells of testing, affliction, and grief,
How their good tidings had brought him relief,
Greatly rejoices in God, for their sakes,
Hopes to rejoin them, to strengthen their faith.

Chapter 4

Gives some advice, as to conduct and walk:
Strive to be godly in action and talk.
Have no concern for those fallen asleep.
Christ will descend; the believers will leap.

Chapter 5

But, of the times, there is no need to write.
Jesus will come as a thief in the night.
Therefore, friend, hearken; be sober and strong.
Comfort the brother, and help him along.

II THESSALONIANS

Chapter 1

Paul, in his greeting, is lavish with praise,
Points out some facts of the world's latter days.
Jesus is coming with power and flame,
Punishing those who are not in His name.

Chapter 2

Be not deceived that the Lord is at hand.
Man of sin, first, must usurp all command.
He that now hinders will then be removed.
Therefore, hold fast until all things are proved.

Chapter 3

Finally, brethren, uphold us in prayer;
Heed our advice with submission and care.
Let each man labor and earn his own bread.
Shun the disorderly; peace on your head.

I TIMOTHY

Chapter 1

Paul, unto Timothy, son in the faith,
From the Lord Jesus, be mercy and grace.
Laws were sent forth for the wicked and mean.
Christ was sent forth to reclaim and redeem.

Chapter 2

Praises and prayers should be offered for all.
God is not willing that any should fall.
There is one God, and there's one go-between.
Women, be silent, be modest, be clean.

Chapter 3

Bishops and deacons must work and be grave.
Women and children must learn to behave.
Godliness blends in a mystery great.
God is set forth in a manifold state.

Chapter 4

Some shall depart from the faith, and speak lies.
What God has sanctioned, let no man despise.
Godliness profiteth much, and is sure.
Be an example; be wholesome and pure.

Chapter 5

Scold not an elder, but show him respect.
Honor true widows; support and protect.
Give double honor to them that exhort.
Reprimand sin, be of honest report.

Chapter 6

He, who refuses sound doctrine, is vain.
Godliness mixed with contentment is gain.
Craving for money is evil's own root.
Spreading the faith is an honest pursuit.

II TIMOTHY

Chapter 1

Paul prays for Timothy, wishes him near.
God has not given the spirit of fear.
Be not ashamed of the Word of the Lord.
Paul knows the Saviour, for whom he is scored.

Chapter 2

Therefore, be strong, taking hardship in stride.
If we deny Him, we shall be denied.
Study to show yourself rightly approved.
Have a foundation that cannot be moved.

Chapter 3

Perilous times shall appear in the end,
Fraught with the dealings of self-centered men.
All that live godly shall suffer reproach.
Scripture is given to channel and coach.

Chapter 4

Preach the Word instantly; offer reproof.
Being deceived, men will turn from the truth.
See that your preaching bears fruit evermore.
Paul's course is finished; a crown is in store.

TITUS

Chapter 1

Titus, in Crete, is to finish his job,
Choosing responsible stewards of God.
Cretians are bestial, deceitful, and base.
Sharply rebuke them; establish their faith.

Chapter 2

Old men, be temperate, patient, and grave.
Old women, teaching the young to behave.
Young women, loving, good keepers at home.
Young men, be sober; the world must be shown.

Chapter 3

Be in subjection to rulers and powers.
Free is salvation; by grace it is ours.
Every believer should live a good life.
Shun foolish questions, contentions, and strife.

PHILEMON

Chapter 1

Paul greets Philemon, and all at his place,
Praises their conduct, and wishes them grace,
Pleads for Onesimus, calling him Son,
Pledges to right any wrong he has done.

HEBREWS

Chapter 1

God did, in recent times, speak through His Son.
By Him were all things created and done.
He holds all things by the word of His power.
He is eternal, not gone in an hour.

Chapter 2

Therefore, we owe Him the more earnest heed.
He took not glory, but Abraham's seed.
Lower than angels, to suffer and die,
Captain was tempted as surely as I.

Chapter 3

Note our Apostle, and High Priest, and Spouse:
He is our builder, and we are His house.
Let not your heart become hardened and set.
Strengthen friends daily, or they may forget.

Chapter 4

Let us fear, therefore, lest we should fall slight.
There is a rest for the children of light.
Labor to enter, but shun unbelief.
We have a High Priest to bring us relief.

Chapter 5

High priests are ordered to offer for sin,
Chosen of God, not appointed of men.
Much to be said, but your hearing is dull;
You are as babes, when your age should be full.

Hebrews

Chapter 6

It is impossible, once you have viewed,
Fallen away, to again be renewed.
We are persuaded much better of you.
Hold what you have; be unswerving and true.

Chapter 7

Learn of Melchizedek, holy and high,
Parentless, childless, never to die.
Priesthood is altered, the testament, too.
Christ lives forever; the promise is true.

Chapter 8

Of the things spoken, now this is the sum;
We have a high priest, the ultimate One,
He who will mediate for evermore.
Covenant fades; there's a new one in store.

Chapter 9

Testator, living, makes will in due course.
Testator dies, and the will is in force.
Christ shed His blood for the sins of all men.
For those who watch, He is coming again.

Chapter 10

For a burnt sacrifice, God had not cared,
But, for His Son in the body prepared.
Godliness, cleanliness, stand side by side.
If we sin wilfully, grace is denied.

Chapter 11

Faith is the substance, and evidence, too.
Faith is the stuff that will carry you through.
Faith filled the hearts of this chapter's select;
Faith sent them on, or by faith they were checked.

Chapter 12

We are with witnesses compassed about;
Therefore, with patience let's run the race out.
Every true son must be scourged at God's hand.
Chafe not, nor struggle, nor fight His command.

Chapter 13

Entertain strangers; an angel may dine.
Marriage is right, the relationship fine.
Christ is the same, and He ever shall be.
Pray for us, brethren; now grace be to thee.

JAMES

Chapter 1

Count it all joy when you're put to the test.
He who receives, and remembers, is blessed.
Wisdom, if wanted, at God's hand is sent.
God is not tempted, nor yet will He tempt.

Chapter 2

Have no respect for the rich of this life;
They will oppress you, and render you strife.
Every last bit of the law is in force.
Faith without works is as dead as a corpse.

I Peter

Chapter 3

Bridle the tongue, and the body is tame.
This little member's a billowing flame,
Sending forth blessing and cursing, with ease.
This sort of thing, my dear brother, should cease.

Chapter 4

Whence comes the warfare, the envy, the strife?
This is the fruit of the lust in your life.
God stops the proud, to the humble gives grace.
Stand up to Satan; he'll flee from your face.

Chapter 5

Go to, you rich men; just bellow and howl;
You shall receive of your dealings so foul.
Patience is priceless; it reaps in the end.
Christ is the healer, the pardoning friend.

I PETER

Chapter 1

Peter sends peace to elect of the Lord,
Called of the Father, and born of the Word.
Angels have wanted this gospel to hear.
Flesh is as grass, but your faith is most dear.

Chapter 2

Dig from the Word the sincerest of meat.
Offer up sacrifice wholesome and sweet.
You are a priesthood both royal and clean.
Honor all men, and the king as supreme.

Chapter 3

Be in subjection, and be a good wife.
Wear, for adornment, a beautiful life.
Bridle your tongue; never quarrel nor fight.
Suffer in silence, although you are right.

Chapter 4

Suffer you not as a thief or a blight.
Suffer, instead, as the children of light.
Judgment must start at the household of God.
Righteous will scarcely escape from the rod.

Chapter 5

Elders should willingly tend to the flock;
Then the Chief Shepherd will honor their stock.
Humble yourself, that the Lord may exalt.
Walk in sobriety; enter no fault.

II PETER

Chapter 1

Promises, great, are extended to us,
Having escaped the corruption of lust.
We preach a gospel most thoroughly proved.
Holy men spoke as the Holy Ghost moved.

Chapter 2

Many false teachers will rise and deny,
Counting it pleasure to covet and lie.
Wells without water, and storm-twisted clouds,
Ever reserved for calamity's shrouds.

I John

Chapter 3

Stir up your minds to the things you have heard.
Heaven and earth are controlled by the Word.
These must be burned, then the new will be pure.
God is not slack, but is steadfast and sure.

I JOHN

Chapter 1

John, in his greeting, is instant and bright,
Plainly declaring the Father is light.
Darkness cannot intermingle with day.
Jesus will wash all our darkness away.

Chapter 2

We have an advocate, Jesus the Lord.
Keep His commandment, and honor His Word.
Hate not your brother, but love and be kind.
Antichrist comes; it is now the end time.

Chapter 3

We are already God's sons, and shall be.
We shall be like Him when Him we do see.
Sin is transgression; it's not of the light.
Satan's the author of evil and night.

Chapter 4

Try every spirit; just make him declare;
If he confesses not Christ, then beware.
Dwelling in us is one greater than he.
Christ is of love, and so also are we.

Chapter 5

Love the begotten; love Him that begat;
All men, in Christ, are a witness of that.
Faith is the victory; pray and believe.
Shun all unrighteousness; be not deceived.

II JOHN

Chapter 1

Love is the basis of this letter, too.
Many are liars, but many are true.
He that believes has both Father and Son.
Help not the Antichrist, that wicked one.

III JOHN

Chapter 1

John writes to Gaius, acknowledges proof,
Greatly rejoices when men walk in truth,
Warns of malicious, unscrupulous friend;
Much to be said, but too long to be penned.

JUDE

Chapter 1

Jude deems it needful to write and exhort.
Strive for the faith; be of honest report.
Men, as brute beasts, are ungodly and mean.
Pray in the Spirit; be wholesome and clean.

REVELATION

Chapter 1

John, the beloved, on Patmos so rough,
Visions a future both lovely and tough,
Sees our dear Lord in His splendor and worth;
Stunned, he collapses and falls to the earth.

Chapter 2

Start writing letters, to Ephesus first.
Smyrna is next; show their best and their worst.
Pergamos follows; a great danger lurks.
Then Thyatira, for God knows their works.

Chapter 3

Sardis is next, she who lives and is dead.
Then Philadelphia, weak and bestead.
Laodicea, so lukewarm and dull.
Overcome boldly and reap to the full.

Chapter 4

Doorway, and trumpet, and rainbow, and throne;
Twenty-four elders, then bright lightning shone.
Four beasts give honor to Him that does shine:
Eagle, and man, and a calf, and a lion.

Chapter 5

Little book: written within, seven sealed.
Who dares to open, that all is revealed?
Judah's great lion, as a lamb that is slain,
Dares to proceed in His own worthy name.

Chapter 6

Four seals are opened; now hear the sad wail.
Horses now enter: white, red, black, and pale.
Fifth seal is opened, and martyrs ask why.
Sixth seal, an earthquake, and men seek to die.

Chapter 7

Four angels standing, the winds held in hand.
Twelve-dozen thousand are sealed with His brand.
Then countless numbers all blood-washed and white
Great tribulation's fruit, spotless and bright.

Chapter 8

Last seal is opened, and silence ensues.
Angels with trumpets, and earth gets a bruise.
Four trumpets sound, and proclaim bitter words.
Here comes calamity, portioned in thirds.

Chapter 9

Fifth trumpet: star, key to bottomless pit;
Locusts like horses, to torture unfit.
Sixth trumpet: angels from river do rise,
Merciless army, to garner their prize.

Chapter 10

Angel descends, foot on earth and on sea,
Loudly proclaims, time no longer shall be.
Take little book; chew it up; gulp it down.
Taster will like it, but belly will frown.

Revelation

Chapter 11

Two prophets rise, to spit fire and bring death;
Killed, lie unburied, ascend from the earth.
Last trumpet sounds, and reward time is here;
Blessing in Heaven, while earth is in fear.

Chapter 12

Wonder in Heaven, a woman gives birth.
Red dragon, violent, is cast to the earth.
Woman flees dragon; he casts out a flood,
Wars with her seed who are washed in the blood.

Chapter 13

Seven-head beast, with ten horns, does arise.
Second beast comes, doing wonderful lies.
Mankind is branded, or caught in a fix.
Evil beast's number is six-sixty-six.

Chapter 14

Twelve-dozen thousand, with Lamb, stand on mount.
Men who take mark of beast, sad to recount.
Sickles come forth, and the earth's harvest reap.
Winepress is trodden, and blood flows in street.

Chapter 15

Seven bright angels, with seven last plagues.
Safe overcomer, in orchestra, plays.
Seven white angels, from temple of God.
Seven gold vials, with judgment and rod.

Chapter 16

All seven vials are poured on the earth:
Thirsting and sickness and scorching and dearth;
Dreadful destruction, and hair-raising wail;
Lightning, and thunder, and earthquake, and hail.

Chapter 17

Judgment is falling to trample the whore,
Sitting on waters, and drunken with gore.
Seven-head beast is a seven-hilled town.
Ten horns are rulers, and all are thrown down.

Chapter 18

Babylon falls, with a thundering sound.
Come out, you saints, lest you never be found.
Merchants and seamen are left in dismay.
Lucrative markets are blasted away.

Chapter 19

Shouting in Heaven, for Babylon's fall.
Marriage is ready, and out goes the call.
Armies, with white horse and Rider, descend.
Beast and false prophet are burned without end.

Chapter 20

Dragon is bound for a full thousand years.
First resurrection, with shouting and cheers.
Dragon is loosed, to be burned evermore.
Dead all arise to the wages in store.

Revelation

Chapter 21

Heaven and earth are all new; there's no sea.
Here comes Jerusalem, ever to be.
Holy, and spotless, and wondrously fair,
Bride of the Saviour, this city foursquare.

Chapter 22

River of crystal; the true tree of life.
End of all sickness, and sorrow, and strife.
Enter right now; it will be too late then.
Even so, come dear Lord Jesus. AMEN!

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